

OPINION 1723

Carabus mollis Marsham, 1802 (currently *Calathus mollis*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *mollis* Ström, 1768, as published in the binomen *Carabus mollis*, and all uses of the name *Carabus mollis* prior to that by Marsham, 1802, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *mollis* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Carabus mollis* and as defined by the lectotype designated by Aukema & Luff (1992), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *mollis* Ström, 1768, as published in the binomen *Carabus mollis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2782

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Carabus mollis* Marsham, 1802 was received from Drs B. Aukema (Plant Protection Service, Wageningen, The Netherlands) and M.L. Luff (University of Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.) on 9 July 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 28–29 (March 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the lectotype designation for *Calathus mollis* (Marsham, 1802) dated from its publication by Aukema & Luff (1992) in BZN 49: 28 and not from 'Aukema 1990' as recorded on the specimen label (para. 2 of the application).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 28–29. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 29: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

mollis, *Carabus*, Marsham, 1802, *Coleoptera Britannica*...., vol. 2, p. 456.

mollis, *Carabus*, Ström, 1768, *Kongelige Norske Videnskabers Selskabs Skrifter*, 4: 330.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Carabus mollis* Marsham, 1802:

Aukema, B. & Luff, M.L. 1992. BZN 49: 28.